(b) The gross receipts of BLC increased to Rs. 782.58 lakhs in 1996-97 as compared to Rs. 422.83 lakhs in 1991-92. It showed a slight decline in 1997-98 when its gross receipts were Rs. 728 lakhs (provisional).

(c) Govt. have granted 'in principle' approval to convert BLC into a Joint Venture with majority equity participation by private promoters or for outright sale on open tender basis. A consultant has been appointed to make specific recommendations for this purpose.

Closure of Industrial Units

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) industrial units lying closed or on the verge of closure, State-wise;

(b) since when these industrial units are lying closed;

(c) the efforts made by Government to revive these units;

(d) the total number of workers rendered unemployed on this account, State-wise; and

(e) the details of compensation being paid to these workers?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Statement showing State-wise position of closed industrial units during the calendar year 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 (up to May) is placed at Annexure. The Government does not have any information on industrial units on the verge of closure.

(c) Measures taken by the Government to revive closed industrial units include injection of fresh capital, waiver/postponement of loan and interest liabilities, change of management, restructuring of workforce through the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), etc. However, not all closed units are viable and therefore fit for revival.

(d) The State-wise position on total number of workers affected by closure is given at Statement. (*See* below).

(e) According to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, retrenched workers are to be paid 15 days wages and salaries for every completed year of service as compensation. The Government has not received any complaints that this compensation is not being paid to workers.

Statement

State-wise number of closures and workers affected during 1995—98 (P)

	1995		1996		1997		1998 (JAN.—MAY)	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
A.P.	—	—	—	—	1	64	..	..
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Assam	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Bihar	1	90	2	45	2	43	..	..
Goa	4	141	2	73	2	71	..	..
Gujarat	27	5,950	11	337	8	299	10	174
Haryana	6	229	15	880	—	—	..	..
H.P.	..	..	—	—	—	—	..	..
J&K	..	..	—	—	—	—	..	..

	1995		1996		1997		1998 (JAN.-MAY)	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Karnataka	1	8	—	—	2	159	..	..
Kerala	1	60	1	13	3	53	..	..
Madhya Pradesh	—	—	7	588	2	2,688	..	..
Maharashtra	33	657	2	87	7	207	..	..
Manipur	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Meghalaya	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Mizoram	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Orissa	3	106	7	209	4	352	2	259
Punjab	—	—	1	56	1	19	..	..
Rajasthan	4	94	9	1,294	8	1,469	..	..
Sikkim	—	—	—	—	..	..	..	..
Tamil Nadu	—	—	93	4,816	2	176	..	..
Tripura	34	2,730	24	1,082	55	3,247	1	56
Uttar Pradesh	11	3,615	19	1,802	22	3,003	..	..
West Bengal	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
A&N. Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Chandigarh	40	598	2	12	..	..	..	.
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	16	—	—	—	—	..	..
Delhi	—	—	—	—	2	192	..	..
Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	—	—	..	..
Pondicherry	17	201	9	96	17	320	2	63
GRAND TOTAL:	183	14,495	204	11,390	138	12,362	15	546

A = Number of units closed
B = Number of workers affected
— = NIL
.. = Not Available
(P) = Provisional
Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla